

Virginia Emergency Operations Center  
Hurricane Katrina Impacts  
Situation Report #3

Operational Period 0700 Hours September 2, 2005 to 0700 Hours September 3, 2005

**SITUATION:**

Governor Mark R. Warner declared a limited state of emergency within the Commonwealth on August 31, 2005, directing the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) to coordinate state relief efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina.

There are spot fuel shortages around the Commonwealth, primarily by independent stations; however, there is no word of widespread fuel shortages.

Thirty million barrels of American Crude was released from the Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR). This release will get to the refineries immediately to be converted to refined products. Thirty million barrels of refined product was also made available from international stock. This shipment will start arriving from Europe in the next two days.

Plantation Pipeline Company has increased their average daily throughput to 100% on its refined product pipeline serving the southeastern United States. Colonial Pipeline plans to increase its capacity to approximately 85% during the weekend.

Fuel supplies should improve across the Commonwealth.

Localities across the Commonwealth are receiving evacuees from Louisiana. The American Red Cross is providing assistance, such as food, clothing, and shelter, to the evacuees.

**ONGOING STATE ACTIVITIES:**

- **VDEM/VEOC**
  - Augmented with additional staffing of VDEM and state agency personnel
  - Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests are being processed
  - Coordinating with localities on relief efforts
  - Coordinating state and local resources and personnel available for deployment
- **DMME**
  - Coordinating with VDOT to ensure adequate fuel supply for state agencies
  - Monitoring fuel supply
- **DOF**
  - Team of 20 personnel deployed to set-up and run a distribution center in Louisiana
  - Five (5) additional VDOF personnel deployed to fill specialty roles in Louisiana and Mississippi
- **VDH**
  - Assisting local Health Departments in providing immunizations for authorized personnel deploying to impacted states; approximately 150 Virginia State Police personnel vaccinated at Chesterfield Health Department.
  - Coordinating with Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) on volunteer relief efforts
  - Tracking deployment of Sentara Health System self-sustained Response Team deployment.

- Virginia DMAT Strike Team deployed to Anniston, AL for staging and further movement
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner personnel on alert for potential Federal DMORT support
- Prepare for potential evacuee shelter support
- **National Guard**
  - The Virginia National Guard deployed 120 guardsmen mainly military police to assist Louisiana
  - Approval for 6 guardsmen with the 203<sup>rd</sup> Red Horse unit, a laundry and bath unit, to deploy today
- **VSP**
  - Deployed VSP helicopter equipped with a hoist, staffed by two pilots
  - Working to deploy approximately 100 trooper Task Force with a communication vehicle
- **VDOT/DMV/VSP**
  - Granting temporary overweight, over-width, registration, or license exemptions to all carriers transporting essential commodities in and through any area of the Commonwealth in order to support relief efforts, regardless of their point of origin or destination

#### **LOCAL ACTIONS:**

- Identifying resources for possible deployment to impact areas
- Monitoring fuel supply
- Receiving evacuees

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

- Virginia Public Inquiry Center (VPIC) opened yesterday to answer questions and field concerns from citizens. The VPIC telephone number is **866-880-4288**, hours of operation Saturday, September 03, 2005 – 9 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, September 4, 2005 – Noon to 5 PM
- FEMA has set up a Donations Hotline at **800-440-6728**
- The Department of Human Resources, through the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) has mobilized a monetary fund drive within the state work force to assist with hurricane relief

#### **PROJECTED FUTURE ACTIONS:**

- Conduct conference calls with localities
- Continue to monitor fuel supply
- Coordinate local and state relief efforts
- Process EMAC requests
- Additional staffing in the VEOC
- Coordinate with American Red Cross, Department of Social Services and VA Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VAVOAD) to receive evacuees

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